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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT:

Jordanian-Soviet Plans for Prefabricated
Housing Factory

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By coincidence, AID presently has a team in Jordan looking at housing as an area of possible US involvement. Present plans are to build a small number of houses as a pilot project, then develop a \$4 million program for housing in the Jordan Valley. Our housing people are not sure that prefabrication of housing makes sense in Jordan, but if it does we have the technical capability of doing this as well as the possibility of funding such a project through either Development Loans or a special project loan from the Security Assistance account.

The issue, therefore, is whether you feel we should tell Hassan and Rifai that we see this kind of Soviet economic assistance as incompatible with our interests or whether we should let the Jordanians get what they can from the Soviets provided they avoid large numbers of Soviet technicians. Doing the former could increase the pressure on our resources, but housing is a delicate area given its relation to Palestinian refugee settlement.

Recommendation: That you indicate whether you feel we should make an active effort to dissuade the Jordanians from accepting the Soviet offer by providing a comparable counter offer of our own.

AK Try to dissuade them. (We will ask AID to pursue this.)

 Don't make any special effort.

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